

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

Claims 16 and 17 have been amended to overcome the §112 rejections, that were caused by a typographical error, namely replacing the FLOOR (⌊ and ⌋) and CEIL(ung) (⌈ and ⌉) graphics were mistakenly transcribed as square brackets. The FLOOR and CEIL functions were described in the original application papers at page 8, lines 17-19 and page 22, lines 1-2.

Claim 18 has been canceled, thereby mooting the objection to it.

These amendments overcome all the objections to the claims and should place the case in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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None.